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SUBJ: FRANCO'S FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THE FIRST SKETCHY DETAILS OF FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FRANCO AND SWEARING-IN OF PRINCE JUAN CARLOS. THESE CONFORM LARGELY TO OUR EARLIER REPORTS AND WE WILL SUPPLEMENT THEM AS SOON AS WE HAVE DETAILS FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

EVENT 1 -- FRANCO'S BODY WILL LIE AT REST AT HIS PALACE, EL PARDO, ALL DAY TODAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20. THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC VIEWING.

EVENT 2 -- FRANCO'S BODY WILL LIE IN STATE AT THE ROYAL PALACE (PALACIO REAL) FROM 8:00 A.M. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 UNITL 0700 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23. DURING THIS TIME LARGE CROWDS OF SPANISH CITIZENS ARE EXPECTED TO PAY THEIR LAST RESPECTS TO FRANCO.

EVENT 3 -- AT 1230 ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 PRINCE JUAN CARLOS WILL BE SWORN IN AS KING OF SPAIN BEFORE THE CORTES AND COUNCIL OF THE REALM IN THE CORTES BUILDING. THE NEW KING WILL ADDRESS THE NATION ON TV.

EVENT 4 -- ON SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 23 A PUBLIC UNCLASSIFIED

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FUNERAL MASS (WITH THE COFFIN PRESENT) WILL BE

CELEBRATED FOR FRANCO IN THE PLAZA DE ORIENTE FRONTING THE ROYAL PALACE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE NEWLY SWORN-IN KING OF SPAIN. BURIAL WILL TAKE PLACE SUBSEQUENTLY IN THE VALLEY OF THE FALLEN (VALLE DE LOS CAIDOS). DETAILS OF THE FUNERAL PROCESSION WERE NOT GIVEN.

EVENT 5 -- ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 AT 1030 A MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE CHURCH OF SR. JERONIMO (NEAR THE PRADO MUSEUNVL IN THE PRESENCE OF THE NEW KING AND QUEEN SOFIA. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION AND MILITARY REVIEW AT THE ROYAL PALACE.

2. GOS HAS ALSO DECLARED A 30 DAY MOURNING PERIOD. THE PERIOD OF DEEP MOURNING WILL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL AFTER THE FUNERAL. STABLER

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